

Proclamation

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

May 11 – 17, 2014

- WHEREAS*, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States; including the dedicated members of the Bloomington Police Department; and
- WHEREAS*, some 58,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and
- WHEREAS*, since the first recorded death in 1791, over 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and
- WHEREAS*, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS*, in 2014, there were 286 new names of fallen heroes added to the more than 20,000 names that now occupy the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. These names include both officers who died in the line of duty during the previous calendar year, as well as officers who were killed earlier in history but whose line-of-duty sacrifices only recently came to light; and
- WHEREAS*, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Tuesday, May 13th, 2014; and
- WHEREAS*, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 13th, 2014; and
- WHEREAS*, May 15th is designated as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and
- WHEREAS*, the first recognition of Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day was signed by President Kennedy in 1962. It was resolved by Congress that May 15th be designated Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls be designated as Police Week. The purpose of Peace Officers Memorial Day is to honor the police officers at all levels of government who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. Staff from Bloomington's Police Department will attend the Peace Officers Memorial service held at the Minnesota Peace Officer's Memorial in St. Paul, MN on Thursday, May 15th, 2014. The public is invited to attend the candlelight service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Winstead, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11-17, 2014, as

POLICE WEEK

in the city of Bloomington and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2014.

Gene Winstead, Mayor
City of Bloomington, Minnesota